

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary

Tom,

calls periodically re the DCI attending one of The Marshall Group's meetings. Obviously, he has missed the 17 January session. He did attend a luncheon meeting on 26 April 1982.

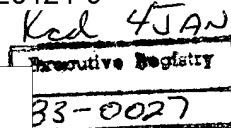
Can we give him a noncommittal answer for now saying the Director's travel plans for February and March are not known?????

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*discussed w/ Betty - will
not respond JSC 1/17*

Date 17 January 1983

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THE MARSHALL GROUP
Washington, D.C.

December 28, 1982

Mr. William J. Casey,
Director,
Central Intelligence Agency,
Washington, D.C. 20505.

Dear Mr. Casey:

In checking your schedule with [] early this month it seemed possible that you might be able to join our Group again in January or February. Our next will be on January 17, following a Friday meeting several of us will be having with some of [] people. If that date is out for you, perhaps a date might be suggested by you for February or March.

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Recent meetings of the Group have been concerned with the constrictions of our overall foreign policy, some self-imposed and too many politically consenting, that make improvements in our Defense and Intelligence communities more difficult than they should be. We feel that we should strive for a more sovereign U.S. policy and detach ourselves from multiple commitments that help others but not necessarily ourselves within our global needs for politico-economic cooperation. I recall one of C.B. Marshall's comments years ago to the effect that the more we are permanently involved in so many quarters we no longer have the options to alter situations dramatically by a strong U.S. stance at some crucial point.

What with Andropov on the scene, with intensified Soviet action towards European public opinion, and with Poland, Afghanistan and the Papal-Bulgarian affair in the background, we feel the U.S. has possibilities to explore rather than awaiting more Soviet initiatives. Your views will be welcome.

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